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SUBJECT: PCN DEPUTIES RECEIVE CREDENTIALS; OPPOSITION
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DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE VOTE TALLIES FOR THE MARCH 10 ELECTIONS HAVE YET TO BE ISSUED, THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL COUNCIL (CCE) ANNOUNCED OFFICIAL WINNERS OF THE 52 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SEATS, WITH PCN TAKING 36, UNO 15 AND FUDI ONE. IN A CEREMONY AT THE ASSEMBLY ON MAY 6, PRESIDENT MOLINA DELIVERED CREDENTIALS TO 36 PCN DEPUTIES-ELECT AND THEIR ALTERNATES. ALL OPPOSITION DEPUTIES-ELECT AND THEIR ALTERNATES BOYCOTTED THE CEREMONY, HOWEVER. UNO SPOKESMEN VISITED THE OFFICES OF PRESAN GRAFICA AND DIARIO DE HOY TO EXPLAIN THEIR DECISION. THEY SAID THEY WERE PROTESTING THE PRE- AND POST-ELECTORAL MANEUVERINGS BY WHICH THEY WERE DEFRAUDED OF NEARLY HALF OF THE 28 ASSEMBLY SEATS THEY CONTEND THEY RIGHTFULLY WON. WITH CHARACTERISTIC MODESTY, THEY TERMED THE RECENT ELECTIONS "THE GREATEST FARCE IN HISTORY." NEVERTHELESS, THEY INTEND TO QUIETLY COLLECT THEIR CREDENTIALS AT THE CCE BEFORE THE JUNE 1 INAUGURATION OF THE NEW ASSEMBLY.
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